

FINANCIAL SERVICES ADVOCATES OF THE YEAR



John Chock
Hawaii Strategic
Development Corp.
State of Hawaii

Serving as the President of Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation for over nine years, **John Chock** has been instrumental in the development of the State's venture capital infrastructure. Chock is a key resource for hundreds of companies seeking advice and funding as well as the investors and venture capital firms looking for promising prospects. Chock's efforts have generated over \$600 million for Hawaii companies, provided direct funding for over 40 growing companies, and created or sustained over 500 jobs. Chock also provided critical input to the content of Act 221, the 2002 legislation to stimulate new technology investment. *Nominated by: Naomi Masuno, Central Pacific Bank.*

Combining over nine years of banking and community service experience, **Linda Lewis Ezuka** has clearly put her commitment to expanding access to capital, financial services, and opportunity into action. Her extensive work with non-profit leadership, commissions and business organizations has enabled her to have a direct impact on many island communities by investing in their visions of a better future. As Community Development Officer, Lewis Ezuka develops comprehensive strategies to support economic, social and cultural development and manages the Community Development Lending Program, funding almost \$15 million in loans annually. Lewis Ezuka now helps the CBED program, which has committed over \$3.2 million to 126 community based organizations statewide. *Nominated by: John Myrdal, Bank of Hawaii.*



Linda Lewis Ezuka
Bank of Hawaii
City & County of Honolulu



George Kalani Silva
Dolan, Silva & Assoc.,
CPA, Inc.
County of Hawaii

Accountant **Kalani Silva** applies his knowledge and skill as a CPA and licensed real estate agent to guide business owners through important transactions ranging from tax planning and strategic management, purchase of businesses or properties, financial and accounting software and even debt management. His website is a virtual one stop shop with links to other sites and on-line applications to expedite financing and tax applications. His activities with the Hawaii Island Chamber, Hawaii Island Portuguese Chamber and others include lobbying, testifying, and training of both legislators and business owners. His goals have included reducing red tape and regulatory restraints for business owners and improving standards in his profession. *Nominated by: Art Taniguchi & Roxann Uyetake, Bank of Hawaii.*

Haviland Wright has made a significant contribution to the small business community in the relatively short time he has served as Center Director of the Kaua'i SBDC Network. Wright brings vast experience as a business owner, entrepreneur, college professor and CPA to his work. He provides new, solution-oriented ideas that can produce immediate results. Wright has focused much of his effort connecting entrepreneurs with information, resources, and lenders. He's actively assisted clients with five SBA loans totaling over \$260,000, several new Community Express packages, and at least five other business loans. In less than a year, Wright has proven himself a valuable new asset and advocate for small business on Kauai. *Nominated by: Jeffrey Murata, First Hawaiian Bank.*



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County of Kaua'i